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Against the Grain

"Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians"

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Networks and Electronic Publishing: A View

by Steven Ellis (Penn State) <sre@psulias.psu.edu>

Often characterized as another Wild West, much of the hype associated with the Internet tends to border on a new Manifest Destiny. In the context of academic publishing in the humanities, it often seems as well — to listen to much of the rhetoric at conferences, that all text is tending toward electronic text. However much the stuff of hype, the metaphor of the West does illustrate some features of electronic scholarly activity in the humanities. Certainly the limits of enterprise (and perhaps sometimes of the copyright law) have been and will continue to be tried. It is the purpose of this paper to explore scholarly publishing, particularly of what are commonly called primary sources, in



the context of this unfolding electronic frontier.

Libraries, in fact, are only just beginning to respond to the issues of electronic publishing. Approaches can take several forms. Often digi-

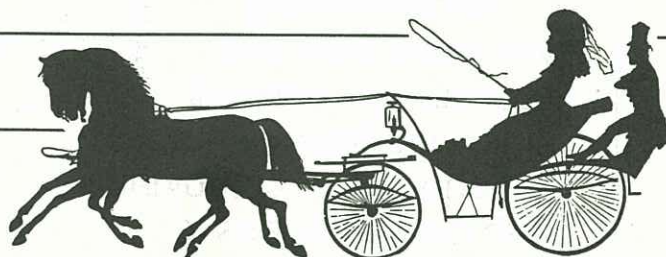
tal library initiatives include provisions for the distribution of primary sources in the humanities, in addition to electronic serial distribution, and standards such as Z39.50 that allow for the exchange of electronic information between institutions.¹ New areas within libraries have been created to provide access to electronic texts — the products of electronic publishing, both by purchasing them, and by assisting in their retrieval when they are in the public domain. These new areas are often called electronic text centers.² As the electronic text librarian at Penn State, I am involved in setting up such a center. Many of the issues discussed

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Just learned from John Secor and Colin Harrison that their two companies — Yankee Book Peddler, Inc. (YBP) located in Contoocook, NH, USA, and W.H. Everett and Son Ltd. (Everetts) located in London — have announced the formation of a strategic alliance to supply English language scholarly materials and collection management services to academic and research markets worldwide. The two companies will remain independent but will cooperate to share bibliographic information, approval plan expertise, technical knowledge and marketing resources. The strategic alliance will begin as a joint marketing agreement that will permit each company to sell the other's services to customers in geographic regions where each can meet individual libraries' specific needs. As the relationship matures, YBP and Everetts will cooperate further, eventually aiming to provide to their customers seamless and fully-integrated services spanning every English language book in print, encompassing firm order monographs, continuations, approval plans, blanket orders, technical services and shelf-ready materials. The two companies will soon be seeking libraries interested in working with them to refine the new services. Joint product and service development is expected to begin right away and to continue over the next several years.

Some late breaking news. Academic Book Center, in Portland, Oregon, has become the first book vendor to participate in a new OCLC program that will accelerate upgrading of Cataloging in Publication



(CIP) from the Library of Congress (LC) in the OCLC Online Union Catalog (OLUC). Through an agreement with Academic Book Center, professional catalogers from the OCLC TECHPRO service will be stationed at Academic Book Center, where they will upgrade CIP records in the OLUC to full-MARC records as newly published materials arrive. TECHPRO catalogers at Academic Book Center expect to process approximately 3,000 OLUC/CIP records a month.

At the end of September, Cardinal G. Emmett Carter, former Roman Catholic Bishop of London, officially opened the new state-of-

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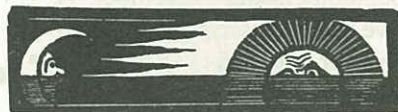
From your (humble) editor

Look, y'all, the only reason that *Against the Grain* works as a publication and that the Charleston Conference works as a Conference is because of all of YOU, YOU, YOU out there! *Against the Grain* is a fabulously, wonderfully, greatly dynamic publication. I look forward to working on each issue. I always learn so very, very, very much and what's fun about it is that we are all learning together, teaching each other, getting to know each other.

This issue has so much in it it's hard to remember it all! We have some great interviews with Nat Bodian and Jim Stephens. We have some great articles on electronic information delivery by Steven Ellis and John Long. Thanks to Barbara Dean's hard work, profiles from Heather Miller, Judy Webster, and Sandy Paul. We have a wonderful op ed from William Hamilton. Plus a publisher profile from Arlene Eis, a woman who started her own publishing company. A look at ALA, MLA and SLA exhibits from the energetic, grits-loving Judy Luther. Celia Wagner's wonderful annual title trends survey. And I've just scratched the surface.

This is the last issue of 1995. Have some great holidays til we meet again in 1996. Oh, yes, in the meantime, in between time, and see you at the Charleston Conference! And renew your subscription!

•• Yr. Ed. 



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ALA	June	4/26/96	5/10/96
LAMA/LITA	September	7/12/96	7/26/96
Charleston	November	9/13/96	9/27/96

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the-art King's College library (London, Ontario, Canada) named in his honor. As part of the opening ceremony, King's chief librarian — Dr. John S. Clouston — whom we all know and love — received the keys to the building. The \$4.8 million O. Emmett Cardinal Carter Library is 33,800 square feet of concrete, glass and steel which has optimum seating capacity of 330 students and will accommodate up to 150,000 books and 30,000 periodicals and other documents. Patrons will have access to CD-ROM products and remote databases. Eventually, they will be able to dial into the library's catalog from a workstation located in their office or residence room. John, who usually attends the Chas. Conferences and is a former speaker, is having a fabulous time though he sends word that he will not be able to make the CC. Don't spend all your time in one place, John! and Congratulations!

Sherry Thompson has been promoted to Managing Director of Library Services at Majors Scientific Books, Inc.! Congratulations, Sherry! We are thrilled! In her new position, Sherry will be responsible for long-range planning and the development of new services and markets for Majors Scientific Books.

Speaking of which, Majors has announced an early October release of *Majors.doc* (*Majors Database on CD-ROM: A Selective Catalog*). As a Microsoft Windows-based CD-ROM, *majors.doc* will provide access to health science, technical, and business books and multimedia information from more than 300 publishers in one user-friendly database. Over 40,000 individual listings, including bibliographic information and table of contents, are incorporated in the CD which will be updated monthly. Subscriptions are \$120 for a one-year subscription. For further information, contact Sherry at <sthompson@mail.majors.com>

And speaking of home pages — have you seen *Against the Grain* on YAHOO! All you need to do is go to Yahoo (<<http://www.yahoo.com>>) and then enter a keyword search for *Against the Grain*. We are so excited! If you don't use Yahoo, the ATG home page address (slightly changed but easier) — <<http://www.spidergraphics.com/atg/>>. Visit it and talk to us!

Karl Debus <kdebus@tribeca.ios.com> once of the National Agricultural Library is now the Head of Technical Services at the Executive Office of the President Library in Washington, DC. The EOP Library serves the White House staff and all of the offices

and councils that report directly to the President such as the OMB and US Trade Representative's office. Congratulations, Karl!

Congratulations are in order also for Sheila Delacroix who is now Director of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's Lupton Library.

You weren't the only puzzled person. Anne Page Mosby <libapm@langate-gsu.edu> was too. She was curious about signing up for the pre-conferences for the Chas. Conf. I hope she did. Did you?

The good news is that Barbara and the dean to all us acquisitions types Christian Boissonnas are planning to be in Charleston between October 13th and 18th. Christian has agreed to do a major article for *Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory* on the Charleston Conference to be published as part of LAPT's 25th anniversary so he wants to plunder through the College's archives. But — the bad news is that Christian will NOT be in Charleston for the Conference (how long has it been, Christian?). His excuse is that his second grandson is going to be born then and he wants to be in New Jersey when it happens. I guess that works as an excuse, Christian. Just this once.

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And speaking of acquisitions deans (borrowing the phrase from **Peter Stevens** of **U. of Washington**), I miss him and he hasn't been gone that long. It's **Joe Barker** (**U. of Calif., Berkeley**) who recently left acquisitions for teaching. As the 15th Charleston Conference approaches, I can't help but recall all of his insightful papers and his smiling presence. We will continue to miss you, Joe, but please keep in touch.

Recently spoke with the indefatigable **Twyla Racz** (**E. Michigan University**) <Lib_racz@emuvax.emich.edu> who keeps on writing abstracts for **Bet You Missed It** (see this issue, page 65). Twyla was heading off for a miniature books conference which sounded like fun.

Addison-Wesley's pilot program to sell books directly to students has stirred unusual controversy among booksellers and publishers. In a statement released by the **AAP** (Association for American Publishers) the AAP states that the Executive Council of AAP's Higher Education Division, representing American textbook publishers, recognizes both the importance of college stores as the major retail outlet for students, and the right of any publisher to reach the ultimate customer in any manner it chooses. For further information contact **Patricia Peron** at 202-2332-3335, ext. 236.

Met with and did a GREAT interview with the awesome **Arthur Brody**, the founder of **Brodart** in New York recently. Look for our upcoming interview in **ATG**? Have you renewed your subscription yet?

***Bowker*Reed Reference Electronic Publishing** has formed an alliance with **OCLC** (Online Computer Library Center) allowing library staff and patrons to electronically access the **Books in Print** database using **OCLC's First Search** and **EPIC** systems. Access through **EPIC** will allow for pay-as-you-go searching. Access through **FirstSearch**, a menu-driven system for end-user searching, will allow for subscription pricing or for per-search pricing. **BIP** is also available on **OCLC's PromptSelect** for integration with materials selection and ordering. And, by the way, for a detailed review of **Books in Print PLUS** (the CD-ROM product), read **Ken Kister's** excellent review (this issue, page 46). I sure learned things I didn't know about this staple in our library environment!

Heard on the Internet from the vivacious **Rosanna O'Neil** (Director of Marketing, **University Park Media**) <Oneilrmc@aol.com>. Rosanna was trying to leave a message on my answering machine (sorry for the FAX line sometimes, y'all!). She wanted to renew her sub to **ATG**. How about you? Have you done that too? (what a rhyme).

Recently took a whirlwind tour to NYC to see the play **Sunset Boulevard** (wow!

wow! wow!) with **Anne Jennings** (Sinkler & Boyd). Was hoping to meet up with **Keneth Soehner** (Acquisitions Librarian/Bibliographer at **The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Watson Library** <metart3@metgate.metro.org> but guess the meeting will have to wait til the **Charleston Conference**!

This came courtesy of the Law Library listserv — **Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich**, a 260-attorney general practice law firm in San Diego and Palo Alto, CA, announce a home page with a special emphasis on legal issues of the Internet, written for both lawyers and non-lawyers. Additionally, the page site has articles on recent legal matters, background information on all the practice areas encompassed by the firm, forms to order literature, and hypertext links to clients and other legal sources. **Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich's** home page can be accessed at <<http://www.gcwf.com>>. For further information, contact **Mary Gallagher** at 415/833-2258 or <mgallagher@GCWF.com>.

This off of cni-copyright listserv — A URL leading to *basic* discussions of copyright in works of visual art and in software. (Patents and trademarks also): <<http://www.fplc.edu/tfield/order.htm>>. This is from **Tom Field** of the **Franklin Piece Law Center** <tfield@fplc.edu>.

Birdie MacLennan (**SERIALST** Listowner/Moderator) (**U. of Vermont**) <bmacleann@uvmvm.uvm.edu> or <bmacleann@moose.uvm.edu> announces the availability of a new Web page for **SERIALST** at <<http://www.uvm.edu>>.

Beau David Case (**Indiana U.**) <bcase@hamlet.u.cs.indiana.edu> (did you read his op ed in the **September** issue of **ATG**?) has accepted a job on the faculty at **Ohio State University**.

Understand that it's not too much longer now 'til **Barbara Hoffert's** (**Library Journal**) due date! What an exciting time of life!

Angela D'Agostino <adagosinto@REEDREF.COM> invites us to browse **Reed Reference's** new WWW site <<http://www.reedref.com>>.

Recently also met the charming **James G. Spady**, a mover and shaker with the **Black History Museum** (P.O. Box 15057, Philadelphia, PA 19130). We hope that representatives will be at the upcoming **Charleston Conference** and, meantime, check out some of **James's** books!

Craig Flansburg is now Account Executive in the Southeast (from North Carolina to Texas) for **SilverPlatter**. Congratulations, **Craig**! You know, not only is **Craig** a pretty bam-zowie person, his wife **Ronnie**,

a librarian herself, is the greatest.

Well, I always knew that **Bill Hannay** (**Schiff Hardin & Waite**) was into the money. Recently saw his picture (and an article too, no less, called "Back in the Ex-U.S.S.R.") in the **Chicago Tribune Magazine**, **Bill** has been in Russia on a "World Bank-funded legal assistance program to counsel Russians on their developing free market systems." So that's why he's been out of touch with us? Hey, **Bill**, can you spare some time? Or should I say a dime?

The Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO) recently selected **DRA** (Data Research Associates) to provide all of its members with the next generation of automation and networking services. **ILCSO** will use **DRA's** system and services to upgrade automation at the 45 participating libraries, and to improve and enhance the resource sharing and union catalog aspects of **ILLINET Online**. **ILCSO's** member institutions comprise all state-supported universities; five publicly supported community colleges; 25 private colleges and universities; a state-supported high school specializing in math and science; and the **Illinois State Library**. For more information, contact **Joe Bonwich** at 800-325-0888.

The New York Academy of Medicine Library has established the **HIV/AIDS Information Outreach Project** to provide the most current health information to community-based organizations working with people affected by **HIV/AIDS**. The project provides participating community-based organizations and their clients with the following free services: expert research services; rapid delivery of published literature including technical reports, journal articles, and other publications; one-to-one training in the use of Internet information resources; and access to the online databases of the **National Library of Medicine**. For more information, contact 212-876-8200, ext 318 or <hivinfo@nyam.org>.

Readmore, Inc., announces the creation of **BackMed**, a new Internet list devoted exclusively to the informal exchange of back issues of medical and health sciences serials and books among libraries. The archives of **BackMed**, as well as **Backserv** (for non-medical materials) are publicly available on the **Readmore** webserver and gopher and are fully searchable using built-in **WAIS** indexing at <<http://www.readmore.com>>.

The highly competent **Amira Aaron** <aaron@READMORE.COM> sent news on **Serialst** of **SISAC's** (the **Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee**) announcement of the availability of the **SISAC X12 Implementation Guidelines** published June 1995. This implementation guide was developed by **SISAC** to serve as the guideline manual for **EDI** for the serials industry. It includes the **SISAC/ICEDIS** industry con-

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ventions for the following ASC X12 transaction sets: Invoice (810), Dispatch Data (856), Claim (869), Claim Response (870) and Functional Acknowledgment (997). In addition, the manual includes critical information about the use and implementation of EDI, covering many of the business issues, legal considerations, communication and technical issues involved in EDI projects. The manual is now available for purchase at a member (SISAC or BISG) rate of \$175.00 and a non-member rate of \$250.00. An order may be sent online to that standards woman, **Sandy Paul** at 4164812@mci-mail.com.

Recently spent some fabulous time in Charleston with **Karalyn Kavanaugh** (EBSCO). Karalyn has promised to help coordinate group dinners for interested parties at the 1995 Charleston Conference. If anybody can do it, Karalyn can!

Two libraries, **Southern Methodist University** (SMU), Dallas and the **Newberry Library**, Chicago, are examples of sites that have already seen significant results in expanding patron access and enhancing community awareness using **Ameritech's NetPublisher**, the product which was named Editors' Choice by *PC Magazine*. If you want to know more, contact **Barbara Brodley** at <bbrodley@als.ameritech.com>.

Plenum Publishing Corporation has added its catalogs to **Inforonics' TitleNet**, the Internet site for browsing and searching publishers' catalogs. Plenum's catalog information includes descriptive text, reviews, contents data, and audience focus for thousands of titles. Reach Plenum Publishing's TitleNet catalog via gopher at: **gopher.titlenet.com** or via the World Wide Web at **http://www.titlenet.com**

Barbara Stewart (ISI) is some hot ticket, not to mention her husband Ed. She recently sent a postcard (scrawled on the back of a picture, no less, what a great idea) from wild Florida climes. And we hope to see you soon at the Chas. Conference, Barbara!

Mike Markwith (Swets) sends word that **Carol Macadam** will join Swets effective October 2. Carol has most recently worked as a librarian in serials at Princeton, has an international educational background, and is very active in NASIG. Carol will be representing Swets services to academic and medical libraries in the US.

More news from Swets. A new Board level position has been created at Swets & Zeitlinger BV Head Office. Mr. **Pieter Rustenburg** has been appointed as Director of Systems and Technology. He will be responsible for technological development and strategy for Swets computer and network operations and for relations with publishers.

Heard recently from **Paul Sanz** of **Readex** who says that he was excited about the upcoming **Vikki Medaglia** interview of **Suzy Schmitz** in *ATG* November (have you read it, see this issue, page 76). Also understand that **Jean Kobza** (NewsBank/Readex) will be at the Charleston Conference. Wow!

Lynda Meyer (Net Technologies, New York) has written a fabulous meeting report on **Multimedia Now** which we took a few issues to be able to run. But — it is in this issue (p. 56) so READ it and learn a lot! Thanks, Lynda!

During the **ACRL Conference**, **Pauline Williams** (U. of Montevallo) subscribed to *ATG* and she hasn't gotten one yet. Sorry, Pauline! You can't get good help these days, especially when that person is the Editor!

Rebecca Seger (Lyman says I spelled her name wrong and it is not his fault!) called. She is now the library sales rep for **McGraw Hill** plus she just bought her "new-born" (now 2½ years old) a "big boy" bed last night.

ACRL, New England Chapter has announced the program for its fall conference (October 27) — **The Digital Academic Library: Getting There**. The conference will be held at **Regis College** in Weston, Massachusetts, only a few miles from Boston. For



a registration form contact **Jane Hedberg**, Serials Librarian and Preservation, Wellesley College, Internet: **jhedberg@lucy.wellesley.edu**.

And **Veronica L.C. Stevenson** of the **Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter** of the **ACRL** (ACRL/NY), writes that this year's annual symposium will address "Libraries in Transition: Learning and Communicating in the Electronic Environment," and will be held Wed., December 13 at the **Fashion Institute of Technology**. Try <vstevens@aurora.liunet.edu> for more info.

Joyce Ogburn (Yale) writes that she will not be attending the Chas. Conf. this year. Instead, she is sending her acquisitions librarian **Xin Li** (as in Sheen Lee). Let's all track her down and say "hey!"

NISO has approved and published the revised **Information Retrieval (Z30.50): Application Service Definition and Protocol Specification** (ANSI/NISO Z39.50-1995), available from **NISO Press** <nisoqh@cni.org> for \$79. This adds several new services and facilities and includes numerous enhancements such as the ability to request specific portions of a document; the ability to scan terms in a list or index; and faster retrieval of a large number of records by allowing a server to respond to a

present request with multiple response messages.

NISO has also approved and published the first national standard for single-tier steel bracket library shelving. This new standard (**ANSI/NISO Z39.73-1994**) describes the specific performance requirements that steel shelving should meet and is available from **NISO Press** <nisoqh@cni.org> for \$40.

CD-ROM products are now available through **W.T. Cox Subscriptions** (Goldsboro, NC, ph. 800-553-8088) in response to requests from libraries.

Bob Dukes (Chair of the Physics Dept. at the College of Chas.) writes to tell us that there is now an Electronic Version of *Astrophysical Journal Letters* (EApJL) available on the World Wide Web. The **American Astronomical Society** and the **University of Chicago Press**, with funding from the **National Science Foundation**, have created the first online journal for reporting astronomical research results. The EApJL is complete with the figures, line drawings, tables of numbers and complex mathematical symbols which appear in the paper version. The EApJL can be found on the WWW at **http://www.aas.org/ApJL**. Access to the journal will be free to all readers until 1997. Bringing out an electronic version of the *Astrophysical Journal Letters* is the first step in the conversion to electronic form of all the research journals published by the **American Astronomical Society**. Meanwhile the Society has no plans to discontinue the corresponding conventional paper versions. The electronic version will be available one month before the corresponding paper copies.

Bill Richards has been chosen as the new director of **Georgia College**. Congratulations!

The Faxon Company recently reported that its World Wide Web site on the Internet has received the highest rating possible from **The McKinley Internet Directory**. Have you visited it yet?

Speaking on serialist in the early fall, **Chris Schneider** (Marketing & Sales, **Gordon & Breach**) <christopher.schneider@gbpub.com> and **Karen Elton** (Head, Customer Services, **International Publishers Distributor**) <karen.elton@gbpub.com> as well as **Diane Appleton** (Vice President, Publisher Services, **Faxon**) <Appleton@faxon.com> made the following announcement. "Effective July 28, Faxon has resumed doing business with **International Publishers Distributor**, distributor of **Gordon & Breach** and **Harwood Academic** titles. Although Faxon and STBS, former distributor of these titles, ceased to do business in the early part of 1994, none of the companies are or have been involved in a lawsuit against the other. Faxon is pleased to be able to provide **Gordon & Breach** and **Harwood**

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Academic titles to our clients again."

Tom Leonhardt (U. of Oklahoma) writes that at <<http://www.hyper.gr/makthes/>> the first Greek language newspapers *Thessaloniki* and *Makedonia* are on the WWW. The full text of the newspapers is published and updated daily. The newspaper is published with Greek characters (ISO 8859-7) and the fonts necessary to read it are provided through its pages. Like wow!

Well, **Michael Gorman** will speak at the **Charleston Conference** at a slightly different time (Saturday instead of Friday). In the meantime, read what **Tom** (the guy mentioned above) says about Gorman's and **Walt Crawford's** book (*Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness & Reality* published by ALA) in this issue, page 22. Tom has reviewed the book in the upcoming winter 1995 issue of *LAPT*.

E-mailed **Gita.Gunatilleke** (New Zealand) because I hadn't heard from her in ages. Well now, Gita was on vacation, imagine that. Besides visiting family in Sri Lanka, she passed through Sydney, Australia to see her newest great niece as well as the fabulous show "Miss Saigon" which she highly recommends. Gita also stopped by Melbourne to see her sister. On the work front, she commends the staff at **Wake Forest University** who have been very helpful answering all her questions as they prepare to load **Dynix 140-142** and **150** the New Acq module. And there's more! Gita's colleague from Auckland Univ. **Alison Grant** <a.grant@auckland.ac.nz> is going to be at the Charleston Conference!

Have learned from **Patrick Harwood** (College Relations, College of Chas.) that the inaugural issue of the political magazine *George* (published by **John F. Kennedy, Jr.**) contains an item about the **College of Charleston**! In an article about George Washington memorabilia, there is the following mention: "This Spring, while excavating an old South Carolina plantation site [the Dill Plantation on James Island], student archaeologists from the **College of Charleston** unearthed a gold-plated button from Washington's inauguration in 1789. Only a handful are known to exist. Imprinted with his initials and the slogan 'Long Live the President.' It is considered priceless." The button is now in the **Charleston Museum**. And, just think, you knew us when...

We were devastated to learn that the incredibly compassionate and just plain nice **Manny Decker's** (**Franklin Book Service**) daughter was in a bad car accident in June. But — word is that she is doing very well!

Just got my *RASD Update* in the mail (v.16#3, July/September, 1995) and who is staring up at me on the back cover but

Adrian Alexander (Faxon)! and **Mary Lou Goodyear** (Texas A&M and RASD president)! Adrian and Mary Lou were married on June 22, 1995 during the 1995 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago which they thought was the perfect place to have family and friends. Congratulations to both of them!

At the beginning of October, **Baker & Taylor** debuted its new home page on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.Baker-Taylor.com>> With the October issue, *Academia*, B&T's magazine for university, academic, and research libraries will be published exclusively on the Web.

Speaking of the Web, "**Rettig on Reference**" debuted on Monday, October 2 at <<http://www.hwilson.com>> This is a free service sponsored by the **H.W. Wilson Co.**, which provides reviews of new reference books and Internet-based reference sources. **Jim Rettig**, who is well known to all of us as a cracker-jack reference reviewer, will be speaking at the Charleston Conference in November.

Her voice will always cheer you up no matter how down in the dumps you are. **Dimi Berkner** calling from Developmental Studies Center in Palo Alto says she is coming to the Charleston Conference and is looking forward to seeing **Ken Kister**, **Gerald Garbacz**, and **Fred Philipp** among all of us.

Look, y'all, my e-mail address is <strauchk@cofc.edu>. Don't forget the "k" because if you do I will not get the message. And that would be bad.

Charles Willett <willett@freenet.ufl.edu> (Crisis Press, Gainesville, FL) will be at the Charleston Conference. He also says he is looking forward to seeing **Ken Kister** who taught him "Reference Methods", his favorite course in Library School at Simmons College. Charles is the new editor of *Counterpoise*, an alternative review journal to be put out by the Alternatives In Print Task Force (AIP) of ALA's **Social Responsibilities Round Table**. The first issue is scheduled for January, 1997. Charles will have a Simulation Room on Friday at the 1995 Charleston Conference.

Have received word that **30** people have signed up for the **Golf Tournament** during the Charleston Conference. Pretty unbelievable. And the Tournament is the brain-child of the Proustian **John Riley** (**Ambassador Book Service**)!

Dawson Subscription Service announced in September that it will implement the **Source** subscription system, initially developed for use at **The Faxon Company**, as its operating system. Implementation of **Source** at **Dawson Subscription Service** will be completed in time to process 1997 subscriptions. The **Source** system is a powerful and flexible system designed to support every phase of serials ac-



quisition needs. Based on a relational database technology and a three-tier client/server model, **Source** includes an online client service that brings the system's power and capability to the client's desktop.

According to the law library listserv, **West Publishing Company**, Eagan, Minnesota, and **Juris Publishing, Inc.**, Irvington, New York, jointly announced that the companies have entered into an agreement that will allow **Juris** to include star pagination to **West** case reports in **Juris' Black Lung Reporter** publications. West compiles the case reports it creates into various series of reporters that make up the National Reporter System. Each volume in each series is separately paginated by West to enable attorneys to readily cite to and find a particular West case report. A star pagination license allows another publisher to include the corresponding West pagination and page breaks within its own case reports, making it easy for users of these publications to provide citations to West reporters in memoranda, briefs and other legal writing. More information can be obtained from West outside counsel, **Jim Schatz**, who can be reached at 612/339-6900.

According to **TAP-INFO** and **James Love** <love@tap.org>, in a surprising move, **West Publishing** announced on August 29, that it had hired investment bankers **Goldman Sachs** and **E.G. Edwards** to explore the sale or restructuring of **West Publishing**. Details of the announcement appeared in the Wed., August 30, issue of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* in a story by **John Oslund**.

IME Systems Inc., a world leader in library automation, has announced the relocation of their U.S. office from Dedham, MA to Boston, MA. As of October 1, their new address and phone/fax are — 50 Congress St., Suite 825, Boston, MA 02109-4006. Ph.: 617-722-0808; fax 617-722-9893.

Irv Muchnik (**The National Writers Union**) (which is near and dear to my heart) wrote to say he enjoyed the September issue of *ATG* but that a "sticky-fingered member, no doubt" absconded with his copy of *ATG*/September. He called to request a copy of the **Becky Lenzini** interview in the September *ATG*! We would love to hear more from the **NWU**, Irv, and just maybe you need another subscription! Keep us posted!

Charles ("The Grandfather") **Germain** was recently traveling in the West when he encountered heat so hot (I guess that's an oxymoron) in Arizona that it fried a computer in his car. The next day he traveled to

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Boulder, CO in a summer suit and nearly froze to death in the snow! Talk about inconsistencies!

Roxy Rust (Westvaco, Charleston, SC) is looking for an out of print book dealer who specializes in forestry books? Does anyone have a recommendation?

Heard from **Chris Ellicott** (Director of Marketing & Electronic Networking, **Login Brothers**) <ce@lb.com> who had just dined with **Becky L** at ALA/Chicago. Hope to meet at the upcoming Chas. Conference!

The "over there" man, **Jim Smith** (EBSCO), is coming over here to Charleston for the Conference. In the meantime his daughter Melisa is getting married and his lovable, energetic, incredibly hospitable wife **Cherry** is keeping him straight.

And **Donna Cohen** (Rollins) <Donna.Cohen@Rollins.edu> says it does not look like she will be able to attend the Charleston Conference this year since they are implementing a new online system and the training is the same week as the Conference. Kind of a hole in the year, she says. For us too, Donna! But see you next year!

In this issue, thanks to the energetic **Barbara Dean** (Fairfax County Library) <bdean@vsla.leo.edu> we have profiles encouraged of — **Sandy Paul** <0004164812-mcmail.com>, **Judy Webster** <jdwebster@utk.edu>, and **Heather Miller** <HM766@cns.vax.albany.edu>. Read about them on pages 81, 90, and 93 this issue.

Was talking via e-mail to **Joseph Alen** <jalen@copyright.com>, President and CEO of the **Copyright Clearance Center**. The CCC has agreed to participate in the **Rump Session** of the **1995 Charleston Conference** from 4-6 on Saturday for all us die hards out there. Pretty exciting.

PAIS (Public Affairs Information Service, Inc.) has added thirty-four journal titles to the list of more than 1,250 journals indexed in **PAIS International**, the world's leading database covering political, economic, and social issues. The journals are published in thirteen countries including Korea, Peru, Zimbabwe, Thailand, Hungary, and Sierra Leone. Most are in English. Overall **PAIS International** indexes journals published in 60 countries in 6 languages — English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. Journal titles added to **PAIS International** will continue to be announced on PAIS' new Internet Home Page, to be available by the end of September at <<http://pais.inter.net/pais>>.

Barry Lee <74044.3050@compuserve.com> (The Reference Society) recently held a **National Directory Conference** in New York. **Raissa Fomerand**, publisher of *The Librarians Yellow Pages*,

(what an incredible woman!) was one of the featured speakers. We hope he will write the meeting up for *ATG/And They Were There*. How about it, Barry?

Hadn't heard from **John Archer** (UC San Diego) <John_Archer@UCSD-LIBRARY.ucsd.edu> for a long time so sent him an e-mail. (isn't e-mail great?). Anyway, no grass is growing under John's toes. He has just gotten married (around the eighth of September, no less) and spent his honeymoon in Santa Barbara. John has already made his room reservation for the Charleston Conference. Have you? And check out his WWW site, URL: <<http://gort.ucsd.edu/jarcher/index.html>>.

The soft-spoken and efficient (a great combination) **Elsie Pritchard** <e.pritchard@morehead-st.edu> (Morehead State University) is hard at work on the Automation Lunches for the Charleston Conference. Thank you, Elsie!

Besides getting married, **Carol Pitts Hawks** <hawks.1@osu.edu> (Editor-in-Chief of *Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory*) is looking forward to reviewing applications for 1996 Research Award. The



Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory (LAPT) Research Award provides an annual prize of \$1,000 for research in the broad areas of acquisitions, serials, publishing, and collection management. Proposals and questions concerning this year's award should be addressed to Carol at 2338 Antigua Drive #2C; Columbus, OH 43235; (614) 292-6314; FAX: (614) 292-2015. Deadline: February 15, 1996.

The Professional/Scholarly Publishing Division of the AAP will hold its Annual Conference March 13-15, 1996 in Washington, D.C. **Barbara Meredith** (Director, P/SP) says that they are expecting sell-out attendance so you should FAX her a preliminary list of those from your company who might attend (212-255-7007) and reserve your hotel room (800-243-1166).

Shannon Masten (Brodart Academic Book Services) is incredible. Energy just emanates from the telephone when you talk to her! Shannon says that her cousins attend **Bishop England High School** in Charleston (where my son went way back when) and that recently it took them two hours to go just a few miles in the torrential rains we had down here the end of August (thank

goodness it wasn't a hurricane!). Let's look for Shannon and **Annabel Fogel** (Brodart's cataloging manager) at the **1995 Charleston Conference**!

Via the Internet, Libraries now can access their order files and the complete **Harrassowitz** serials database. This new service includes access to both *Continuations* and *Journals*. **Harrassowitz Online** is password-protected and provides an accurate and up-to-date picture of library orders. If you want to know more call 800-348-6886 or <service@harrassowitz.de>

Kansas State University Library has selected **Voyager 3.0**, the client/server library management system developed by **Endeavor Information Systems Inc.**

Recently heard from **Stacey Gottfried** of **Electronic Book Technologies, Inc.** (One Richmond Square, Providence, RI 02906 <stacey_gottfried@ebt.com>) about some of their products and services. For example, **DynaText™ Electronic Publishing System** is an electronic book publishing system which accepts SGML and builds dynamic platform-independent electronic books that can include hyperlinks, tables, equations, graphics, animation, audio and video. Users can write notes, create cross-references, perform sophisticated searches, print selectively, and cut-and-paste content into other applications.

Kluwer Academic Publishers (Dordrecht) is the first to sign an agreement with **Pica**, Centre for Library Automation in Leiden, on electronic access of full text journal articles within the WebDOC pilot project. Within the WebDOC project, initiated by Pica, a number of Dutch and German academic libraries will cooperate with commercial publishers to offer their endusers access to electronic journal articles. Publishers will deliver SGML-headers of journal articles containing bibliographic data and abstracts. From these data, Pica will build a catalog (WebCAT) linking to full text articles stored on local servers maintained by the information providers or on a server at Pica's. Initially, the Kluwer journals to be accessed will be mainly in the field of Mathematics, Information Science and Economics/Business Information. For the time being, document formats are restricted to Postscript, PDF, HTML and TIFF-images. Kluwer has opted for PDF files. Documents will be made accessible via WWW-browsers such as MOSAIC and Netscape to endusers who are registered at one of the participating libraries. Endusers of libraries that are subscribing to journals Kluwer makes available in WebDOC will have unlimited access, whereas a pay-per-view system will apply for journals to which there is no subscription. WebDOC is expected to go live on January 1, 1996 and will run for an initial trial period until the end of December 1997. Further information can be obtained from <vanderlinden@wkap.nl>. 